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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA

REF: STATE 85460

1. I DELIVERED THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AT 4:30 PM, BRASILIA TIME.

2. SILVEIRA DID NOT HAVE MUCH TO SAY ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S REPLY, OTHER THAN TO EXPLAIN THAT HE HAD SENT HIS LETTER LATE LAST EVENING BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THAT THE ISSUES HAD RESOLVED THEMSELVES INTO A DISPUTE "OVER THREE OR FOUR WORDS" AND THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE EFFORTS TO REACH A COMPROMISE WERE CONTINUING.

3. I TOLD SILVEIRA THAT FOR US AND THE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT THE PREPCON THE CENTRAL ISSUE, WHICH INVOLVED MUCH MORE THAN JUST A FEW WORDS, WAS WHETHER THE FULL CONFERENCE WAS TO FOCUS ON ENERGY QUESTIONS OR WAS TO BURY THOSE QUESTIONS IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER". I ADDED THAT, AS HE KNEW AND AS THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO HIM CONFIRMED, THE USG HAD STRONG CONVICTIONS ON THIS POINT.

4. SILVEIRA STATED THAT BRAZIL WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF THE US THESIS WERE TO PREVAIL, BUT THAT WAS NOT POSSIBLE POLITICALLY. I COMMENTED THAT, FOR ME, IT WAS TOO BAD THAT THE RADICAL POSITION OF COUNTRIES LIKE ALGERIA HAD COME TO
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DOMINATE THE ATTITUDES OF THE SEVEN. SILVEIRA SAID THAT WE

SHOULD BE "FLEXIBLE" BECAUSE THERADICALS WERE BECOMING
MORE "DEFENSIVE" AND IN TIME WOULD BE "MANAGEABLE". I
EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE THESIS AND NOTED THE DANGERS
OF ACQUIESCING IN THE DEMANDS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHILE
WAITING FOR THEM TO BECOME REASONABLE.
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